In Local Churches.

son" in the churches has begun. With the close of school many families have left the city for the summer, so that the church and Sunday school attendance has fallen off noticeably. Others will leave in a few weeks, and the difference between the summer and winter congregations will become more ap-

Partly on account of the summer exodus of their members and partly on account of the warmth of the weather, which those who remain at home are forced to bear. most of the local churches will hold no Sunday evening services throughout the months of July, August and September. Others have not been holding them this month, and will continue the practice throughout the warm season. On account of the lengthening of the days and the heat of the late afternoons and early evenings such evening services as are held—the Christian Endeavor Society meetings and the midweek prayer meetings-will take place from half an hour to an hour later than during the win-

This is also the season for pastors' vacations. Most of the local pulpits will be filled during the summer by clergymen from cut of the city, who in many instances will exchange pulpits with local pastors. Several of Washington's best-known pastors will spend part of the summer in Europe this year, and expect to come home with new and fresh ideas upon which to base their sermons of next winter. Most of the others are going to the seaside, the mountains or the country to take a needed rest.

Rev. Charles P. Stealy, pastor of Broadus Memorial Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the West Washington Baptist Church of this city. His resignation from his present pastorate will take effect July 15 next.

Rev. James E. Thomas, colored, of the Swedenborgian Church, recently returned from Boston, where the general convention of his denomination was held. He will be in the city for about two weeks and may be found at 1917 Vermont avenue, where

the is staying for the present.

The work of the Swedenborgians among the colored people of this city, beginning with July 1, will be suspended for the time with the understanding that it will be resumed at a later date. Meanwhile it is arranged for Rey Thomas to make accasionranged for Rev. Thomas to make occasional visits to Washington in behalf of those who may continue to manifest an interest doctrines of the New Church.

Rev. Thomas is well thought of and much appreciated in his church. June 11, convertion Sunday, in Boston, he assisted in opposite the house, in which he was ordained five years ago. He made a speech at the recent convention in Boston which occasioned hearty and prolonged applause. Judge Job Barnard of this city was vice president of the convention. Mr. Thomas will leave soon for the south,

where he is employed as general missionary with headquarters at Bessemer, Ala. He is supported by the board of missions, Boston, Mass.—the same board which has so ably supported him here in Washington—and by a generous New Church man of this city who believes in the work he has done here and in his ability to perform even greater tasks among his people.

This young clergyman's position is unique, he being the first, and so far the only, col-ored graduate of the Swedenborgian Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass.

The Metropolitan Bible class of Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church held its June outing at Marshall Hall last Monday night. About 80 members of the class assembled at the wharf promptly at 6 o'clock, and all remained together as they boarded the steamer Macalester. The outing was under the direction of Miss O. M. Jacke. and as soon as the boat reached Marshall Hall a favorable location was selected and cake, were served. The merry party then | day morning, July 6, and ending with Su were scattered all over the grounds, enjoying the moonlight strolls, the shooting gallery and other amusements.
On the return trip the entire party were

seated on the second deck, and as the M. B. C. Orchestra discoursed favorite songs and hymns the members joined heartily in singing. From "America," "The Star Span-gled Banner" and "Dixie" they drifted to "Nearer, My God, To Thee," "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" and "Sweet By

The Bible class is in a flourishing cendition and recently held a very enthusiastic business meeting, at which Mr. H. C. Oberholsen, the president, was unanimously chosen to fulfill the duties of that office

The Washington Grove (Md.) camp meeting will be held this year from July 18 to 28, inclusive. This series of meetings is in charge of Rev. H. R. Naylor, D.D., presiding elder of Washington District Methodist Episcopal Church, who has associated with himself Revs. C. O. Isaac, Wm. M. Fergu-son, Geo. T. Maydwell, Joseph Dawson and H. M. Rider. Mr. Percy Foster will be in charge of the music. Rev. A. H. Zimmerman, the conference evangelist, will be in charge of the young people's service. The pastors of Washington district will be rein-forced by eminent ministers from a distance. The resident bishop, Earl Cranston, will be present, Dr. David S. Spencer from Tokyo, and possibly Bishop Joyce.

A pleasant entertainment was given to the soldiers at Fort Myer Tuesday night by the young people's societies of the city are engaged in religious work at the fort. It was in the nature of a welcome to the recently arrived 13th Cavalry. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity and several officers and ladies were among those present. A party of thirty, representing the various societies, went out from the city and had a pleasant ride in coaches. program was exceptionally good, and the oldiers showed their enjoyment and appreciation by enthusiastic applause.

Maj. J. L. H. Winfield, acting chairman

Maj. J. L. H. Winneld, acting chairman of the executive committee of the young people's societies, made some introductory remarks, and Chaplain C. C. Pierce closed the program with a stirring speech. Other numbers were a piano solo by Miss Monette Hallam, a song by Miss Cowen, a piano solo by Miss Marguerite Ison, a mandolin and guitar duet by Messrs. W. T. Holt and H. E. Galleher, a recitation by Mr. Ogg. a H. E. Galleher, a recitation by Mr. Ogg. a ng by Miss Witt, and a piano solo by

EPWORTH LEAGUE NOTES.

A meeting of the board of control will be held at Wesley next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Among other important items of business to be attended to will be the electien of a district first vice president. As this will probably be the last meeting before September, a representative from each league is expected.

What is sometimes called the "slow sea- | ing. The new officers of this chapter will commence their duties July 1. At the close of the service Mrs. Charles Bayley will sing.

> Mr. Louis P. Hieston, president of Dumbarton Chapter, is steadily growing better. Mr. Hieston has been confined to his home for several weeks with gastric fever,

A social gathering of the Denver party was held Friday evening at Hotel La Fetra. The general committee has offered a handsome silk banner to the state having the largest delegation at the convocation, and already there are indications of keen rivalry among the larger cities to secure this ban-

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

The hospitality committee of the tri-diocesan brotherhood convention, recently held in this city, has turned over to the local assembly of this diocese \$29.49 as a surplus, after paying all the expenses of the convention. This will be used as a nucleus for a fund for the national convention to be held in this city in 1907.

Mr. A. S. Merrie of Christ Church, Georgetown, delivered the address at the service held last Sunday evening under the auspices of the brotherhood chapters of this city in the barracks at Fort Myer.

The brotherhood chapter of Pinkney Memorial Church, Hyattsville, Md., recently elected the following officers, to serve until November 30, 1905: A. J. Browning, director; R. B. Latimer, secretary and treas-

At a meeting of the executive committee held last Monday evening, an invitation was accepted from the brotherhood chapter of Christ Church, Rockville, to hold the July meeting of the local assembly at Rockville.

It is reported that a brotherhood chapter is shortly to be organized at All Faith Church, Mechanicsville, All Faith Parish, Md.

ALL IS IN READINESS

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION TO BE IMPORTANT EVENT.

The report comes to this city that Denver, Col., has made extensive preparations to give all visitors to that city attending administering the holy communion to about | the seventh international convention of the 800 people in the church on Beacon Hill, | Enworth League July 5 to 9 g good time Epworth League, July 5 to 9, a good time. The governor of Colorado, Jesse F. Mc-Donald, recently made a statement to the Epworth Herald, the official organ of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, as

"The people of Denver and Colorado are waiting with anticipation the coming convention, when they will have an opportunity to extend to you in person a most loyal and cordial welcome. We believe Colorado will receive inspiration and benefit from the large numbers of earnest Christian young people who will sojourn with us for a time, and that you will also be uplifted and inspired by the stirring addresses, the songs of praise and Christian fellowship. You will find the people of Colorado deeply interested in your work, always willing to be of service to you and glad to welcome you. You will be pleased with our scenery and delighted with our climate. You will enjoy yourselves in Colorado."

The slogan of the convention is "Evangelize," "All for Christ; Christ for all."

There will be three places in which the

Hall a favorable location was selected and refrshments, consisting of ice cream and taneously, beginning at 10 o'clock Thursday evening, July 9, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Wednesday evening, July 5, the oratorio "Elijah" will be rendered by the Denver choir.

The sessions will be held in Trinity M. E. Church, Coliseum Hall and the Central Presbyterian Church. Addresses of welcome and responses will occupy the opening ses sion Thursday morning. Bishops Berry, Joyce and Rev. Melvin Taylor of Canada will be the presiding officers in the respective places. The welcoming addresses will be made by the governor of Colorado, the mayor of Denver, R. W. Speer, Bishop Warren, Mr. Earl M. Cranston, son of Bishop Cranston of this city, and Rev. J. F.
Prettyman, former pastor of the Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church of this city.
The subject for Thursday afternoon's dis-

cussion is "Evangelism, the Supreme Need of the Hour," "Young Life in the Church" and "Soul Winners—Their Equipment and Work." The evening addresses will be de-livered by Rev. Mark Guy Pearse of London, Bishop E. R. Hendrix and Rev. W. A.

Friday morning, 6:30 to 7:30, there will be "The Morning Watch," conducted by Bishop Joseph F. Berry. Departmental confer-ences will be held at 9:30 a.m. At the afternoon session "The Problems We Face" will be considered under the following heads: "The Sabbath, Shall It Be Sacred or Secular?" "Our Foreign Populations." Friday evening will be given to missionary addresses. For Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12 "Personal Service" is the theme, subdi-vided as follows: "Personal Spiritual Experience," "Personal Responsibility for the Unsaved," "How May God Use Me in Per-

sonal Service?'
Saturday afternoon will be given to recreation and local excursions. The evening session will be devoted to "Citizenship." Sunday morning love feast services will be held in all Methodist churches. In the afternoon mass meetings will be held. Governors Hoch of Kansas and Hanly of Indiana will deliver addresses on "Christian Character in Public Life" and Christian Character in Business Life."

Sunday evening the addresses will be or "The Call of the Spirit," "The Spirit and the Bride Say Come," "The Value of Now" and "Now Is the Accepted Time."

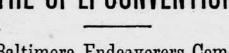
The Denver committee has arranged for excursions Monday and other days to all nearby interesting places at reduced rates. The Washington contingent will leave next Monday morning at 11 o'clock and arrive in Denver Wednesday early in the after-noon. The chairman of the transportation committee, Mr. Frank T. Israel, states that a few more persons can be accommodated, and if they wish to join this party they should call at headquarters, Room 265, Colorado building, office Tait, Omwake & Co.

Diminishing Love.

From the Philadelphia Press. "Oh!" sobbed the young wife, "George doesn't love me as he did." "Nonsense!" replied her mother. "Only this morning I heard him call you the Installation services will be conducted by the district officers at Wesley Sunday even-dear that ever lived."

dearest girl in the world."

"Yes, but he used to call me 'the dear est girl that ever lived.'"



THE LYRIC HALL

B&O DEPOT

Baltimore Endeavorers Completing Arrangements.

MR. ATWOOD IS BUSY

125 SEPARATE MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN SIX DAYS.

to Take a Prominent Part in the Exercises.

Special From a Staff Correspondent,

BALTIMORE, Md., June 24 .- The young people of the evangelical churches of this city have their interest centered on the approaching sessions of the twenty-second international Christian Endeavor convenion, which opens in the great 5th Regiment Armory at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, July 5 next. The armory seats 16,500 people, and it is prophesied that every seat will be occupied when President Francis E. Clark drops his gavel. But indications point to an attendance at the convention of nearly 50,000 persons, so that thousands will not gain admittance at this meeting. Gov. Warfield, Mayor Timanus, local pastors and Chairman Atwood of the conver tion committee will deliver salutations, and General Secretary Von Ogden Vogt will make his annual review of the field.

It is estimated that the convention will



Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark. bring to Baltimore a larger crowd of visi-

During the convention there will be 125 separate meetings held, not including the convention sermons which will be preached in all the evangelical churches of the city Sunday morning. The principal sessions of the convention will be held in the 5th Regiment Armory and in the Lyric Hall, which will accommodate about 4,000. Other

VISITED PRESIDENT

A NOTED ENGLISH PREACHER'S

VIEWS OF MR. ROOSEVELT.

Rev. William J. Dawson of London, the

famous English preacher and evangelist,

had an interview last week with President

Roosevelt at the White House. Speaking

"You have a great President-a very great

President. He is very earnest and very

sincere and courageous. 'I am the heir to

Abraham Lincoln' he said to me during our

"By which I assume you mean that you

body had presented him a copy last week. He had been through it and had got all the

points out of it, and his discussion of them

nterested me more than did the compli-

of the incident, he says:

essions will be held in twenty-five or more of the largest churches in the city. Out-door evangelistic services will be held every The local committee upon whose members

5" REGIMENT ARMORY

has fallen all the work of preparation for this vast undertaking is composed of the most experienced men of the society in the city. Mr. W. O. Atwood is the chair-man. The work is subdivided among the members as follows: Robert H. Smith, vice chairman; W. M. Robinson, secretary; William G. Baker, jr., treasurer; W. C. Perkins, finance; W. A. Schumacher, reception; C. E. Ecker, entertainment; Frederick Ohrenschall, registration; Spencer E. Sisco, halls; J. Barry Mahool, decoration; Henry Gilligan, press and publicity; Richard A. Harris, music; Luther E. Martin, printing; James O. Moul, ushers; J. Alex. Johnson, excursion; Rev. B. A. Abbott, evangelistic; Rev. G. W. Haddaway, pulpit supply.

The committee has its headquarters in the Central Young Men's Christian Association

The following is the program of the con-

Wednesday, July 5. 10 a.m.-Meeting of the United Society of

Belvedere, assembly hall. 12 m .- Meeting of trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor at same

Fifth Regiment Armory-3 p.m.-Opening session of the convention, President Francis E. Clark, LL. D., presiding. Salutations—For the state, by Gov. War-field; for the city, by Mayor Timanus; for

Response by President Clark. Annual review of the field, by General Secretary Von Ogden Vogt. 7:30 p.m.-International festival of praise. Chorus of 3.000 voices, led by Richard A. Harris, chairman music committee, and Rev. Carey Bonner, London, England.

Thursday, July 6.

8-8:45 a.m.-Quiet hour. 9-10 a.m.-School of methods. The following separate sessions under expert leaders will be held in churches: 1, Christian Endeavor field secretaries; 2, junior and intermediate Christian Endeavor; 3, foreign missions; 4, home missions; 5, personal workers; 6, Bible study; 7, pastors' conference. Fifth Regiment Armory-10:30 a.m.-12:30

p.m.—Topic, "The Boys and Girls for Christian Endeavor. 1:30-3 p.m.-Conference of union officers. 3-5 p.m.-Junior and intermediate rally. Exercise by Baltimore children. 7:30 p.m.—"The Brotherhood of Christian Er deavor," Speakers from many lands and

Lyric Hall-3-5 p.m .- Topic, "Christian

Culture for Christian Service. 7:30 p.m.—Same topic as above. Friday, July 7.

8-8:45 a.m.-Quiet hour.

9-10 a.m.-School of methods. (See Thurs-10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.-State union rallies

n churches. 3-5 p.m. - Denominational rallies Fifth Regiment Armory-7:30 p.m.-Topic, Evangelism Everywhere." Lyric Hall-7:30 p.m.-Same topic.

Saturday, July 8.

Patriotic excursions to Washington and Gettysburg, with special addresses and music. Also excursions to other places of in-

7:30 p.m.-World-wide endeavor rally and stereopticon trip around the world. Sunday, July 9.

10:30 a.m.-Convention sermons in city churches. Fifth Regiment Armory - Evangelistic

neetings. 3 p.m.-Men's meeting. Lyric Hall-3 p.m.-Women's meeting.
Associate Congregational Church-3 p. m.

serious set of problems before the nation.

True, we have the same problem in Britain and the continental countries, but nowhere is it so great as here; nowhere has so immense a proportion of the wealth been so fast concentrated into so few hands; nowhere are the inequalities of condition even now so marked. True, your men of great wealth give liberally to public causes, but how much better would it be if society were so organized that the few, instead of taking from the producers so great a pro-portion of the wealth in order that it might be given back in charity and beneficence, should receive in the first instance only the proportion to which they are entitled!
"We preachers of England are nearer our people, though we have little to boast of. We have a homogeneous people, while yours is heterogeneous, and therefore more difficult to reach and organize. The great difficult to reach and organize. The great religious revival of the past year in Wales, I learn, is still in progress, and it is a real, basic, ethical revival. It is making society over on a new plan. It has emptled the jails and almshouses; it has closed the saloons; it has brought 80,000 people to conversion and to a new life. It is still growing and extending its influence. There are impressionable signs of the heginning are unquestionable signs of the beginning of a great revival of religious interest in this country; I cannot doubt it after my ex-perience here for months past, and in view of what people have told me."

On Preaching Tour.

so help toward the payment of the expenses of the convention. The Baltimore Endeavorers are already reported to have raised \$20,000 for the convention expenses. The cost of attending the convention will

meeting in the amphitheater in front of the

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES.

Baltimore Convention.

The Baltimore convention chorus of 2,400

voices will give a preliminary concert in the

5th Regiment armory building on Fri-

day evening, June 30, which the resi-

dents of the city are asked to patronize and

In Other Churches—3 p.m.—Prison Christian Endeavor, temperance rally, Sabbath observance rally.

8 p.m.—Group evangelistic meetings and consecration services in churches. Monday, July 10.

8-8:45 a.m.—Quiet hour. 9-10 a.m.—School of methods. (See out-

cessful work along evangelistic, missionary,

citizenship, benevolence, increase of mem

line under Thursday morning.)

be comparatively small to people from Washington. Rooms in private homes will be provided at a minimum cost for each person, and meals in the same manner. The total necessary expense to Washington Endeavorers for the entire six days of the convention is estimated at not over \$12.

The Baltimore committee on entertainment announces that it has made ample provision to care for all who come and that nobody need feel any anxiety on that score. Rooms may be readily secured after arrival In Baltimore,

in order to secure accommodations, the Dis-Christian Endeavor (corporation) at Hotel street northwest, wishes to be informed as nearly as possible of the number of Washingtonians who expect to attend the convention, so that plans for transportation and entertainment may be made to the best advantage.

The District Endeavorers will have a spe cial "Royal Blue" train to take them over to the opening session Wednesday, July 5. This train will leave the Baltimore and Ohio station at 10:10 a.m. On arrival at the Mount Royal station in Baltimore the On arrival at the pastors; for the committee, by Chairdelegation will go directly to their head-quarters at the Associate Congregational Church, two blocks distant, for registration and assignment to homes. The same church will also be the headquarters of the delegations from South Carolina and India.

The meeting in front of the Capitol Saturday afternoon, July 8, will give Washington a taste of the convention. It is expected that a considerable number of delegates will also come to Washington for a few days' visit immediately after the close of the convention. The District Union is making preparations for the en-tertainment of such visitors and is trying to get the names and addresses of persons who are willing to accommodate them in their homes at a reasonable rate. This information should be addressed to the

union at 1413 G street.

The District Union expects to get special number of its bulletin in the interest of the convention. This will be distributed among the Washington Endeavorers in advance, and will also be given out at Baltimore to prospective visitors to Washington.

President Owen P. Kellar of the District Union spent Thursday of this week in Bal-timore in conference with the entertain-ment committee and looking after arrange-

A picnic at Pierce's Mill was given Friday evening of last week by the lookout committee of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Calvary Bantist Church to the members who have entered the society since the first of last November. A goodly number accepted the invitation, and the evening was pleasantly spent by all.

The junior and intermediate rally Thursday afternoon, July 6, is expected to be the session of greatest interest to the younger Endeavorers, and two special cars will be run from Washington for this meeting. The cars are to be attached to regular trains leaving the Baltimore and Oblo station at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. first is expected to reach Baltimore in time for the forenoon conferences and addresses on junior work. The second train will be due in Baltimore in time for the young folks to be included in a group picture to be taken of the entire Washington delegation at the Associate Congregational Church at 2 o'clock. At the afternoon rally there will be special exercises by a thousand Baltimore juniors. The Washington juniors may return the same evening by a train due at Washington about

wealth strike me as presenting the most connected with that establishment, but is

devoting himself entirely to revival work. He is on a preaching tour in this country. He is returning to England for a few weeks and will return to America in September to resume his work. He will begin the new campaign in Buffalo, and will go to several interior cities of New York. He has also agreed to go to Atlanta for a season and anticipates with much interest an opportu-nity to learn of the race problem, which he regards as one of the country's greatest, but of which he has had no opportunity yet

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HOUR

Conducted by Grace Livingston Hill-Lutz. For Sunday, June 25, 1905.

pic: "Our National Heritage." (Home Missions. This may also be used as a temperance topic.) Isaiah lv:1-13.

"1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. "2. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight liself in

"3. Incline your ear and come unto me;

ness to the people, a leader and a commander to the people.

"5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of largest for He both glorified thee.

lerael for He hath glorified thee.

"6. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.

"7. Let the wicked man forsake his way

and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will Fifth Regiment Armory-10:30 a.m.-12:30 .m.-Recognition service. Presentation of have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

"8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. banners, certificates and diplomas for suc-

citizenship, benevolence, increase of membership, committee work, etc.

3-5 p.m.—Topic, "Christian Endeavor and Reforms." Political, social and economic.

7:30 p.m.—Closing session. Roll call of states and countries.

President's address.

Lyric Hall—3-5 p.m.—Same topic.

Plans are under way for an open-air mass '9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: "11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which please, and it shall prosper in the thing hereunto I sent it.

whereunto I sent it.

"12. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field

shall clap their hands.
"13. Instead of the thorn shall come the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

The Lesson.

In the Expositor's Bible that portion devoted to this chapter of Isaiah is headed "A last call to the busy." It is significant in its application to our nation. If any people are busy getting gain and pursuing their various ambitions we are. We are too busy to eat or drink or sleep. No, not too busy to drink, some of us, but alas, not the wine and milk that can be bought without money and without price.

Weary with exertion for our own suprem acy as a nation, thirsty and unsatisfied we toil on, and God calls to us as He called of old, that He can give us satisfaction. But the way of satisfaction and blessing is not to be found in the toilsome diligence which we are vainly pursuing. It is to be found in perfect obedience, in turning to Him and following His word. The simplicity of the obedience that is here asked from Israel," says George Adam Smith, "the emphasis that is laid upon Mt. Royal railroad station, and if this mait will doubtless be one of the mere obedience as ringing in full satisfac-tion, is impressive: hearken diligently and most picturesque scenes of the conveneat that which is good; incline your ear and come unto me, hear and your soul Commissioner Henry B. F. Macfarland and prominent pastors of the District of Columbia will be on the program for adshall live. It suggests the number of plausible reasons which may be offered for dresses, and several thousand Endeavorers from Washington are expected to attend every worldly and material life, and to which there is no answer save the call of during all the sessions. The Washington delegation will maintain headquarters in God, God's own voice to obedience and surrender. To obedience God then promises influence. In place of being a mere trafficker with the nations, or, at best, their purveyor and money-lender, the Jew, if he obeys God, shall be the priest and prophet Local Arrangements for Attending

of the peoples."

When our forefathers came to this coun try they felt in their hearts God's call to found a new nation, to be, as it were, a "priest and prophet" to the nations, It was freedom to worship God that was the foundation of our fair land. How has it been kept up? Are we making that the principle

Did not our God keep His promise and bring blessing and a goodly heritage to us? And how have we kept ours? Does it not need that this lesson should strike home to every heart this week?

"Oh," you say, "yes, that is for the poli-ticians and for men high in authority. But I am just an insignificant man, or woman or scarcely more than a child it may be, I can not do anything. I have no part in the say so of the way the country is run. The lesson is not for me and I cannot feel responsible for my national heritage." Yes, but you should. Even a plain man, an insignificant woman, a shy child, may

do something to help us all to turn to-ward the living God and obey His word. If you ask God to help you and then set your wn brains and eyes at work you will presently find out just what you personally can do. No one else can tell you exactly, only suggest. For instance, around the cor-ner from your home there stands a saloon. You know that more than one of neighbors patronize it, and you perhaps know of those to whom its proximity has brought sorrow more than once. Have you ever lifted a finger, or raised your voice to so much as protest? I know, you are insignificant, but you are made in God's image, and after all your voice will count. It cannot help. You might stir the least little mite of that mysterious force that is called "public opinion" if you tried. It might be that your voice could only influence the grocery boy that comes to your back door, or the little urchin in your Sunday school class, or the ignorant toller who does some humble work for you. But they in turn have each a voice, and you cannot tell whom they may reach nor how wide the circles of influence may extend. Then there are other things you can do. There are petitions to be got up and signed. Even a child may carry about a petition and people will sign it sometimes just to get rid of you. Petitions have a mighty power. You should read about the work of the National Reform Bureau in Washngton, and then you would understand. O, you will find you have a large work to do if you will just get to work at it.

Then there is Alaska, with its 15,000 Eskimos, about as many Indians of various

tribes, and 30,000 whites, where religion is very scarce, and the knowledge of Jesus not widely diffused. Have you tried to do anything for Alaska? You might through your minister get in touch with some one missionary out there and give him a little help. Write and ask what you could do, just a plain, insignificant hard-working person, if you are such, without much money to give. He will perhaps put you in touch with some lonely soul who has not groped through the darkness yet to find Jesus, and you might by correspond and Jesus, and you might by correspond-ence help that soul to know your Savior as you know Him. O, there are many ways in which you could be a foreign mis-sionary besides sending your money, even

though you have to stay at home and And there is that great army of Indians whom we have chased out of their rightful heritage and home and reduced to poverty and degradation that we might have this lovely land for our own. Have you ever even prayed for the Indians whom you have helped to displace?

There are many others, the mountaineers.

the Mexicans, the Mormons, and our new adopted countries. We each have some little personal responsibility. What are we going to do? Shall we turn to the Lord in obedience and ask Him how we may help to make our nation a priestly na-tion, or shall we let it go on its wild, wick-ed, worldly way and say we cannot help it?

How to Help the Leader.

Study up all you can find out about Alaska and then having got full of your subject condense your knowledge into a few terse sentences that will stir interest in other hearts. Alaska for Juniors, published by Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, New York, will help you.

Parallel passages-Malachi, iii:7,10; Hosea,

vi:3; Hosea, xiv:7; Psalms, lxxxv:6,7,9; Isaiah, lx:12; Ephesians, ii:13. Hints to the leader—The Endeavor Hymnal—140, 144, 153, 166, 187. Assign to five or six members who will be brief and say something worth listen-ing to the different home mission depart-ments of work, including temperance work

and local missions. Watch your time that it be not all taken in statistics. Give each one so long, and stick to it. If you can get some one who is a Christian politician to say a few words about the nation and its future hope, it would be well, and then throw the meeting open for remarks by all about how they think young people can help to make the country better.

The tumult and the shouting dies:
The captains and the kings depart;
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
A humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget.
—(Recessional) RUDYARD KIPLING

A Sealing Secret.

It is often very desirable to know how to seal a letter so that it cannot be opened without betraying the fact. Steam or hot water will open envelopes closed with mucliage and even a wafer. A hot iron or a spirit lamp dissolves sealing wax, an impression in plaster having been taken

Rev. Paul Jamarik, a Congregational missionary among the Slovaks of Pennsylvania, may not have descended from a Yankee ancestry, but he has inherited something of the Yankee facility in adapting himself to a situation. He says:

"I made 157 visits during the last quarter. My way of gaining access to the homes and hearts of the people is in seiling Bibles and religious books. When I enter a home as a peddler I am in no hurry to leave it when told that there is no need of books. I watch for my chance and when I see the least disposition or interest in the people, I sit down, and introducing the Bible brings me, of course, immediately into the subject of the religious life. I often spend twenty minutes, sometimes an hour or more, in conversation, and always get an attentive audience, and my talk turns out to be a sermon, primitive and informal, but often far more effective in its results than a more elaborate one would be. So the peddler turns out to be a preacher or an apostle, if you please, before the people have found out the fact, and it helps business, too, for in this way I have sold three Bibles, two New Testaments and a thou-sand pages of religious literature of the best kind within the last month."

A special summer term at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, for the purpose of helping laymen and women to better serve the churches to which they belong is being held from May to September. Among the special lecturers will be Rev. William Co-vert, D. D.; Rev. Sydney F. Strong, D. D.; Rev. John Urquhart, D. D., and Rev. Myron W. Haynes, D. D.

At the recent annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society it was announced that six million Bibles and portions had been issued from the society's presses last year. Since the society was organized it has issued 192,000,000. The list now includes the complete Bible in 100 languages, the New Testament in ninety-four, and at least one book of Section 1999. least one book of Scripture in 196 more. Some 350,000 copies of the Russian and Japanese Scriptures have been distributed among the belligerents in the far east,

A writer in the Methodist Magazine and Review (Toronto, Canada), Rev. C. S. Eby, who has had long experience as a missionary in Japan, refers to the "yellow peril" as the greatest problem before Christian missions. Christian missions have before them, he says, the task of combating the unseen but very real forces which are shaping the evolution of Japah and China. One of the greatest of these forces in Japan he finds to be agnosticism. Japan is breaking away from the old religions, but is not, to any great extent, substitut-ing Christianity in their place. On this point Mr. Eby says that "the educational department of Japan, so far as possible, has wrought for the exclusion of Christian influences from the national system, and when able, cripples the mission schools." A religious census of two schools, which were typical of the whole showed in were typical of the whole, showed, in one school of 200 pupils, 2 Christians, 9 Buddhists, 140 agnostics and 27 atheists; and in another of 130 students, no Christians, 3 Buddhists, 95 agnostics and 26 atheists. These schools contain 92 are These schools contain 92 per cent of the boys of school age and 83 per cent of the girls. China still holds to Confucianism. says Dr. Eby, but China is under the tutelage of Japan, and may be expected to re-ceive the mold of Japan in religion as in other phases of thought and life, at least to a large extent.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bird, founder and "mother" of the Gospel Settlement, 211 Clinton street, New York, assisted by the house committee and workers, recently gave their annual reception to the clergy of New York city. The school rooms upon the ground floor were beautifully decorated with a wealth of rare flowers from Miss Helen Gould's conservatory at Tarryton she being a warm friend of Mother Bird, and sympathizing with he work among the poor and neglected people in the neighborhood of "White Door," Rev. Donald Sage Mackay, D. D., of New York, in an interesting speech, called attention to the success which had attended the work. He spoke most feelingly of the "White Door," which was always an open door to the cry of distress, and of the efforts of those in charge of the settlement, resulting in an influence reaching from this resulting in an influence reaching from this home to hundreds of others, through the little children who came there every day to be taught the gospel of love, the happiness of clean hearts and the comforts of

a well-ordered home. Mrs. George Innis, jr., told the guests of the work of the settlement, and that no matter how low the treasury might beand sometimes it was pretty low-Mrs. Bird and her girls were never discouraged; that it was a God-appointed work, and as such He would never see it suffer. The ooms were filled with friends of the set-

Refreshments were served from a daintly appointed table in the kindergarten room, the ministers proudly assuming the task of waiting upon the lady guests. The affair was most pleasantly managed and was very greatly enjoyed by all, who wished "Mother" Bird many continued years of useful-

Important discoveries have lately been made in the Vailey of the Tombs of the Kings by the well-known Egyptologist, Mr. Theodore M. Davis. He has uncovered the tomb of the parents of Teie, the wife of Amen-hotep III. This ruler belonged to the dynasty immediately preceding that of Rameses II, the Pharaoh of the oppression. and was on the throne during Egypt's greatest glory. He was therefore a ruler during part of the Israelitish sojourn in Egypt. The tomb uncovered is filled with Egypt. The tomb uncovered is mice with the richest spoil of ancient Egypt. Almost every article found is enriched with gold, the mummy cases being heavily incrusted with the precious metal, while the inside was plated with silver. The royal conwas plated with silver. The royal con-sort of Amen-hotep III had lavished treassort of Amen-notep III. had lavished treas-ure after treasure on this tomb-furniture from the royal palaces, jewels, vases, great jars of wine, oil and cooked meats and articles she thought her father and mother would need when they awoke. The tomb' had been sealed up about 3,300 years ago, and had evidently been guarded with the utmost care. Prof. Maspero and the Duke of Connaught were present at the unsealing. It will take some time before the treasures can be fully examined, but when they are, they will throw much light on life in the eighteenth dynasty.-The Presby-

A Methodist congress will be held in con-nection with the Portland exposition July 11-21 Bishop D. H. Moore is the leading spirit in this gathering of the followers of John Wesley.

The Christian Herald says: "All Sunday The Christian Heraid says: "All Sunday school eyes are turned toward Winona Lake, Indiana, where generous provision in speakers and topics has been made by the fourth international district, comprising the state Sunday school associations of Illinois, Michigan, Ontario, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, under the leadership of Prof. H. M. Hamill; for Dr. Hamilt, Mrs. Hamill, Mrs. H. L. Hill Marion Lawrence, Mrs. Mrs. H. L. Hill Marion Lawrence, Mrs. Mrs. H. L. Hill Marion Lawrence, Mrs. Mrs. H. M. Hamill; for Dr. Hamill, Mrs. Hamill, Mrs. H. L. Hill, Marion Lawrence, Mrs. M. S. Lamoreaux, Miss Clara L. Ewalt, Miss Darnell, Miss Alice Jacobs, Dr. Wilbert W. White, W. B. Jacobs, Alfred Day, Joseph Clark, Prof. E. A. Fox, Dr. E. S. Lewis and the Rev. E. W. Halpenny will instruct in teaching methods August 7 to 19. Last year 406 students registered from thirty states and provinces and 260 international states and provinces, and 260 international certificates were issued to honor students. Prof. H. M. Hamill can be addressed at

churches of New York city is soen to be added the Greek-Italian rite. The 20,000 Italians of New York who come from the provinces of Calabria, Apulia, Sicily and Basilicata, where the Greek-Italian rite is observed, sent a delegation to Archbishop Forley some time ago to request that the rite of their branch of the church be introduced there. They represented that the falling away of the Italians of New York from the Catholic Church was due in large part to the lack of the celebration of the mass to which they had been accustomed and in which they were baptized.

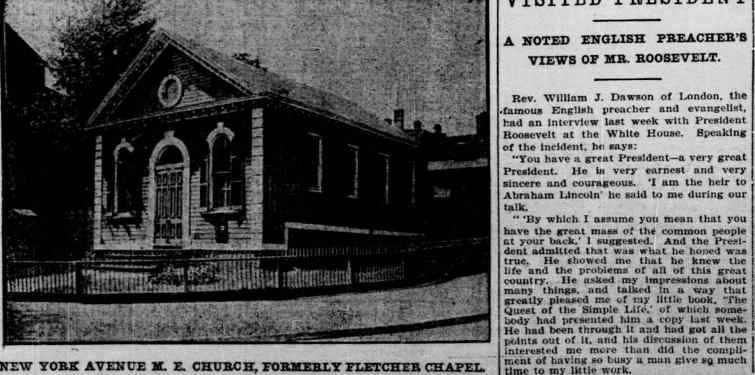
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high mass of the Roman rite. The priest officiating reads part of the mass, sings part impression in plaster having been taken of the seal. By the combined use of water and scaling wax, however, all attempts to open the letter otherwise than by force can be frustrated. All that is necessary is to close the letter first with a small moist wafer and to pierce the latter with a coarse needle (the same apples to much some coarse needle to make the mosal corder, the vestments flowing to the mosal corder, the chasuable he wears is fashioned after the mosal corder, the mass, sings part and chants other parts. The priest of differently from those of the Roman rite. The priest is considered to the mass, sings part and chants other parts. The priest is vessed differently from those of the Roman Church and chants other parts. and the chasule de wears to the Mosaic order, the vestments flowing to his feet and having long, wide cleeves. ment of having so busy a man give so much time to my little work.

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